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SUMMARY: FOUR MONTHS AFTER SIGNATURE OF HARDWARE CASE, USG HAS NOT PRESENTED A TRAINING PLAN FOR IHAWK. KUWAITIS HAVE PERSONNEL AVAILABLE TO TRAIN FOR KEY POSITIONS AND RECOGNIZE THEIR PRESSING NEED FOR IHAWK FAMILIARITY PRIOR TO EQUIPMENT DELIVERY AND WISH TO GET STARTED. WE AGREE. END SUMMARY.

1. KUWAIT AIR FORCE (KAF) HAS THE PRESSING PROBLEM OF TRAINING APPROXIMATELY 70 CADETS WHO FINISHED THE KUWAIT MILITARY ACADEMY ON 25 JAN 75. THE KAF HAS NO CAPABILITY TO TRAIN THESE CADETS IHAWK OR RELATED MATTERS.

2. CADETS WERE ADMINISTERED ECL TESTS IN EARLY FEB. AVERAGE ECL SCORE WAS 33 WHICH INDICATES THAT 40-50 WEEKS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING WILL BE REQUIRED.

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3. KAF USES JUNIOR OFFICERS FOR BILLETS WHICH WOULD BE FILLED BY E7/8/9, AND W1/2/3/4 IN US PRACTICE. THEIR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE LIES IN THEIR OFFICERS, NOT THEIR NCO'S.

4. CURRENTLY, THERE IS NO USG TRAINING PLAN FOR THE IHAWK PROGRAM. REFTTEL (A) INDICATED THAT SUCH WOULD BE PREPARED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER SIGNATURE OF THE FMS CASE UAH WHICH OCCURRED ON 7NOV74. BEST INFO AVAILABLE LOCALLY IS THAT IT MAY BE READY IN MAY. LACKING A DEFINITIVE PLAN, THE KAF IS PRESSING TO GET STARTED WITH THEIR HIGHEST PRIORITY PROGRAM. WITH THEIR CURRENT STATE OF IGNORANCE ON THIS WEAPONS SYSTEM, WE, LOCALLY, MUST AGREE THAT THEY MUST SOMEHOW OBTAIN SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE TO PERMIT REASONABLE PLANNING TO TAKE PLACE TO INTORDUCE THIS SYSTEM INTO THE KAF. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THE RAYTHEON PLAN NEVER INCLUDED SUCH THINGS AS ORGANIZATIONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS NOT DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH IHAWK, AND IDENTIFICATION AND TRAINING OF NON-IHAWK SKILLS. A TRAINED STAFF, KNOWLEDGEABLE ON IHAWK IS REQUIRED.

5. WE DO NOT CONCUR WITH COMMENTS OF PARA 5 REFTTEL (B). REF C HAS PREVIOUSLY STATED KAF CAPABILITY, ETC RELATIVE TO IHAWK. THERE ARE SIMPLY NO KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONNEL IN THE KAF TO DEAL WITH IHAWK MATTERS. PARA 5B REFTTEL (B) APPEARS TO US AS A STATEMENT THAT DA DOES NOT INTEND TO HAVE ANY KUWAITI PERSONNEL KNOWLEDGEABLE ON HAWK UNTIL THE FIRST BATTERY IS READY TO BE SHIPPED TO KUWAIT. WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THERE WILL BE AMPLE WORK FOR MANY PEOPLE BOTH IN CONUS AND KUWAIT THAT WILL REQUIRE EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE IHAWK SYSTEM. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CENTRAL SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND OPERATIONAL PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST BATTERY. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WOULD START ARRIVING AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO FIRST BATTERY. TRAINED PERSONNEL NEED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME TO WORK WITH THE CONTRACTOR AND USG PERSONNEL IN ESTABLISHING AND ORGANIZING THIS FACILITY.

6. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE OBJECT OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM IS TO ATTAIN A STATE OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY AMONG THE KUWAITIS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. AS APPLIED TO THE IHAWK PROGRAM, WE BELIEVE THERE IS GREAT AMOUNT OF STAFF WORK AND COORDINATION BOTH IN KUWAIT AND CONUS IN THE ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING
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OF AN IHAWK BATTALION THAT BOTH CAN SHOULD BE DONE BY THE KUWAITIS. WE ALSO SEE NO REASON TO USE US PERSONNEL TO DO JOBS THE KUWAITIS SHOULD BE DOING THEMSELVES AND ARE WILLING TO DO. FOR EXAMPLE, WITH TRAINING, THEY CAN TRACK THE SUPPLY AND MOVEMENT SYSTEM AS WELL AS US PERSONNEL CAN BOTH IN CONUS AND KUWAIT. DALO-ILM CAN PROVIDE ASSURANCE THAT TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE ARE NEEDED IN THIS AREA.

7. WE ASSUME TRAINING WILL EVENTUALLY BE A SEPARATE CASE AS
STATED IN ANNEX A TO FMS CASE DA KUWAIT UAH.

8. REFTEL (A) HAS REQUESTED A LETTER OF OFFER FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TRAINING PREPARATORY FOR IHAWK TRAINING. KAF HAS 70 IDLE CADETS
AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY. REQUEST SEND TEXT FOR DD 1513 BY MESSAGE
AND AUTHORIZE LOCAL PREPARATION AND SIGNATURE FOR ENGLANGTRNG
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